

1 constitution to endure it must be mainly
2 limited to an expression of great principles.

3 What are these great universal principles?

4 First, to secure and sustain the sovereignty of the
5 people. Second, to protect and perpetuate the rights
6 of the individual. Third, to create a political
7 structure which safeguards the citizen by a series of
8 checks and balances among...but not within...our
9 three traditional branches. Fourth, to develop that super-
10 structure for the State most conducive to efficient
11 administration, effective legislation and impartial
12 adjudication.

13 Finally, to embrace a consistency of logic
14 which reflects in the fewest words the fullest expression
15 of a free society's solemn and voluntary contract with
16 its government.

17 This assembly has been convened so that our
18 State's Constitution may be reformed and rewritten
19 to conform to those standards -- standards which our
20 present document fails to fulfill. All branches of our
21 State Government must be strengthened and streamlined.